



Utah County sheriff's team walks along the Provo River toward the damaged tram building at Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon.

SNOWSLIDE

Resort's a sight to see, but owner is worried

'War zone' of Bridal Veil Falls is still an attraction — for now.

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PROVO CANYON — For years Bridal Veil Falls has been a tourist attraction. On Wednesday, it became one again, but not for reasons that its owners would prefer.

As U.S. 189 in Provo Canyon was reopened to traffic Wednesday afternoon, sightseers and other onlookers goggled at

the damage done to much of the resort by Mother Nature early Wednesday morning. Hurricane-force winds brought nearly 60 feet of snow down on a tourist shop and tram cable lines located at the foot of the falls. Small trees were uprooted or buried, a metal Dumpster was thrown several hundred feet and the tram-car restaurant wound up submerged in the Provo River.

Resort co-owner David Grow likened the destruction to a war zone.

"Things have been blown apart like they were hit by giant percussion bombs," Grow said. "And it wasn't just the snow. It

was a bombastic force of wind. I mean, it thrust a solid-steel boxcar into the river without the help of the slide itself."

Though Grow and the other owners have been unable to send crews to the upper resort for damage estimates, damage from the lower resort alone could reach \$1 million and might close the resort, which is shut down for the winter, for good.

"We've survived more than a half-dozen avalanches and one much bigger than this in 1986, but this is devastating," he said. "Right now, the only recovery we're thinking about is emotional, but — assuming there are options — I'm not sure we could rebuild here without help. I certainly can't absorb those sorts of costs." He said he has no avalanche insurance.

While the resort owners ponder their options, residents of the Springdell subdivision in Provo Canyon were busy reset-

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ting in their homes. Utah County deputy sheriffs and Utah Highway Patrol troopers evacuated those homes after the slide covered the Provo River and threatened to flood houses in the lower canyon and the Provo River bottoms.

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Provo Police spokeswoman Karen Mayne said officials don't believe there is any immediate danger to residents who live in the canyon or near the river, but she said those residents should monitor news broadcasts for slide updates.

Sheriff's officials and UHP troopers also closed U-92 in Amer-

ican Fork Canyon Wednesday morning, while crews triggered controlled slides to minimize danger in that canyon. No evacuations were necessary for that closure, and the state highway reopened for traffic Wednesday afternoon.

Highway patrol troopers and sheriff's officers are warning motorists traveling canyon roads to be ready for delays and to drive cautiously.

mind of Faye Worthen that her husband now suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

She recalls thinking her husband was joking one day when he told her to turn around because a bear was behind her. "Oh yeah, and cows fly too," she remarked. It turned out to be the truth. The bear ambled away.

Then there was the time that a woman threatened to shoot Verd, who was then Garfield County's bee inspector. The woman didn't know her husband had given permission to inspect the bees.

The downfall of the Worthens' longtime bee business finally came. "Verd was ill, the sprays were killing us off and we got tired and sold out," Faye Worthen said. That was in 1980 and only 58 hives were left.

But she can still find a little humor in looking back on their lives and their activity with bees. As the years went by, "the boxes got heavier and the steps got higher," she joked.

By Reed Madsen, Deseret News staff writer.

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tendant honors, respectively, are **Marie Henry**, Richfield; **Sauna Woolsey**, Central; **Melinda Pomeroy**, Richfield; and **Tamara Christensen**, Richfield.

Stacy Curtis, Sigurd, was named as the most photogenic among the 10 contestants. Burr and Woolsey tied for the top talent selection.

ed to call Angelyn N. Hutchinson, Douglas D. 7-2100.

1,600 mph.

Each slug carried a force of 1,900 foot-pounds. A foot-pound is the amount of energy required to raise a weight of one pound a distance of one foot.

"It's not so much that he was hit with 1,900 pounds moving at 1,600 mph. That force was concentrated in one small area and that's why they penetrate. Had that force been spread across his body some-

what a 1000 was, though," said an anonymous worker.

Bartsch said Corel intends to advertise WordPerfect heavily, starting with sponsorship of the U.S. Women's Tennis Tournament. He promised a "substantial investment" on Corel's part, including newer and faster personal computers for employees, and a sharing of the video-conferencing technology Corel is readying for the market and stock options.

"We can't move fast enough to be part of this company," said Bartsch.

Waxman said WordPerfect wasn't seen as a financial liability for Novell but something that didn't ever integrate as well as first expected.

"We sell infrastructure, the wiring, the plumbing," said Waxman, "not shrink-wrap stuff." But Waxman insisted that no one should leave the press briefing believing that Novell found any problems with the WordPerfect product. "It's a fabulous product, perfect,

"This is the last piece in Novell's strategy to focus in on business," he said. Three months ago, Novell officials said the company needed to draw in and concentrate on NetWare, thus freeing up the company to put WordPerfect on the block.

Corel is paying \$10.75 million in cash for WordPerfect plus turning over 9.97 million shares of its stock to Novell. That computes to \$110 million in stock if one goes by the first figure given by David Bradford, general counsel for Novell, or \$200 million if one judges it by the \$20-a-share value it has enjoyed. Novell will also receive \$70 million in royalties.

Bradford and Waxman would not say what, if any, higher offers were put on the table for WordPerfect — estimated to have cost Novell \$885 million in the 1994 merger. It was widely rumored that Bain Corp., Boston, had offered more than Corel.

"By no means did we hold out for the highest bidder but for the

were three qualifiers possible by Novell before we cussed money," he said. good of the customers a business." The new buy be "eminently capable the 20 million WordPer tomers who would be lo ongoing support. The b need to be able to conti evolve and create new p and be prepared to take tage of the existing emp

Waxman said Corel met the criteria, even though small and relatively new

Corel had the No. 1 s world for graphics soft Bratsch, and is the top company in Canada. Co founded in 1985 by its president and CEO, Mike Cowpland, employs 800

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However, after Bureau of Reclamation crews diverted flows to the Olmstead diversion dam Wednesday morning, the overflow of water eventually subsided. Springdell residents returned to their homes shortly after that, and Utah Department of Transportation crews began plowing the highway to allow traffic back in the canyon.

By Thursday morning the water had cut a channel through the nearly half-mile slide, allowing for steady flow of water down the

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